

December 1, 2022

TRIBAL CONSULTATION

RE: 1915(c) Medicaid waiver amendment applications

This letter is regarding Tribal Consultation established between the North Dakota Department of Human Services and the North Dakota Indian Tribes. This consultation process was established to ensure Tribal governments are included in the decision-making processes when changes in the Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program(s) will affect items such as cost or reductions and additions to the program.

This letter provides the opportunity for consultation on one waiver amendment.

Proposed amendment to Medicaid Waiver for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS):

The Department's Adult and Aging Services proposes to amend the 1915(c) Medicaid waiver. The purpose of the amendment is to incorporate administrative language changes that were approved under the NDAC effective 10.1.2022, further define waiver language under the services Environmental Modification, Adult Foster Care, Non-Medical Transportation, Supervision, Residential Habilitation, Community Supports, and Adult Residential Services. The amendment would also update internal processes for person-centered planning, explanation of client choices, handling reasonable modifications requests, and Long-Term Services and Supports Options Counseling.

View the entire draft waiver amendment at: <https://www.hhs.nd.gov/medicaid-provider-information/medicaid-waivers>.

Copies of the draft waiver amendment will also be provided upon request.

The anticipated effective date of the proposed renewal is expected to be April 1, 2023.

Comments will be accepted in the following ways:

Email: dhshcbs@nd.gov
Phone: (855) 462-5465
Fax: (701) 328-8744
Mail: North Dakota Health and Human Services
Adult and Aging Services Section
Attn: HCBS
1237 W Divide Ave., Ste. 6
Bismarck, ND 58501

If you have any comments, questions or concerns about the proposed waiver amendment, please contact Sandi Erber at srerber@nd.gov or by calling (701) 328-8915; or by contacting North Dakota's Aging & Disability Resource Link toll-free at (855) 462-5465, 711 TTY, or emailing carechoice@nd.gov.
by mailing a written response to: ND DHHS Adult and Aging Services; 1237 W Divide Ave Ste 6; Bismarck ND 58501.

Comments and public input on the proposed changes will be accepted December 1, 2022 until 5pm CT December 30, 2022.

The Department appreciates the continued opportunity to work collaboratively with you to achieve the Department's mission, which is: "To provide quality, efficient, and effective human services, which improve the lives of people."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Fremming". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Fremming, Interim Director
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